Excise duty on synthetim fabrics

854. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government have taken any steps for the reduction in excise duty on synthetic fabrics as was assured in the Textile Policy of June, 1985 so as to encourage domestic production of these fabrics and to curb smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): In pursuance of the Textile Policy, 1985, the Government has already taken a series of steps and has reduced the excise duty rates on polyester staple fibre, acrylic fibre, polyester cotton, polyester-viscose blended yarn and polyester-wool blended yarn.

The last modification in duty on man-made fabrics was done vide notifications issued on 19.1.1988.

Disciplinary proceeding against Shri C. S. Rajwant, Deputy General Manager, Punjab and Sind Bank

855. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri C. S. Rajwant, Deputy General Manager of Punjab and Sind Bank was suspended in 1985 but disciplinary action against him is being delayed by the management;

(b) whether he has also defraduded the Bank when posted at various places; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Central Vigilance Commission has intimated that department proceedings have been initiated against the officer, who had been placed under suspension by Punjab & Sind Bank from its services with effect from 14.9.1985. The charges against the officer include, amongst others, giving of unauthorised credit facilities to borrowers with some of whom he had personal dealings. The Commission has further intimated that the case has been entrusted to Commissioner for Departmental Inquiries (CDI) for inquiry. The Commission has been requested to expedite the inquiry.

Irregularities committed by Shri C. S. Rajwant, Deputy General Manager, Punjab and Sind Bank

856. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri C. S. Rajwant, Deputy General Manager, Punjab and Sind Bank made unauthorised advances to various parties for personal gains when posted at Calcutta and Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he purchased properties from Calcutta Towers, Calcutta, Kamal Builders, Builders, Bombay, M. L. Gupta Builders, Calcutta, Chains India, Calcutta; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against him by the Bank authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Punjab & Sind Bank has reported that the officer, while posted at Calcutta and Bombay as Zonal Manager, made unauthorised advances to borrowers, with some of whom he apparently had personal dealings. The Bank has further reported that the officer has purchased properties at Old Court House Street, Calcutta, and Borrivilli, Bombay, from M|s. Calcutta Towers, Calcutta, and M|s. Kamal Builders, Bombay, respectively.